

The specification, at page 9, sets forth bleaching compounds that can be used in the invention, including "...sodium hypochlorite, calcium hypochlorite [line 6]..." As such, the specification sufficiently sets forth the use of bleaching compounds including hypochlorites.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8-10 because of "... insufficient antecedent basis [for "commercially available bleach"]". The Examiner has also asserted the claim is vague and indefinite. Claim 9 has been amended to further clarify the claim, and claim 10 has been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11, 14-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable in view of Lokkesmoe (U.S. Pat. 4,793,942) or Whitley (U.S. Pat. 4,164,477). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner asserts **942 teaches a bleach, a surfactant, and an acetic acid in an aqueous medium. However, **942 fails to teach the use of a surfactant in an amount of 60 to 75 weight percent. In fact, **942 states a surfactant can be used in an amount of 0.01 to 50 weight percent (col. 3, lines 37-39). The Examiner also asserts **477 teaches a detergent, and a combination of water, acetic acid, at least one surfactant, and a hypochlorite. However, **477 fails to teach the use of a surfactant in a range of from 60 to 75 weight percent. Because the prior art fails to teach the limitations of the instant invention, namely a deterative system comprising a surfactant in the range of 60 to 75 weight percent, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 13 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim. In view of the independent claim 1 being in allowable state, the objection should be withdrawn.

Withdrawal of the rejections and passage of the application to allowance is respectfully requested and in order.

Sincerely,

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